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President's Message

Ladies,

I'm so excited to be able to lead such a wonderful organization as it completes its 125th year this October. The board and the interest groups have been busy getting ready for a wonderful year ahead.

The group began in 1893 as The Vanderbilt Ladies' Literary and Musical Club. It was a group with serious programs, rules and fines. It has evolved into a group that provides support to the Vanderbilt community through social events, lectures and philanthropic efforts.

The main mission throughout the years has been to welcome those new to Vanderbilt. I hope that we, as a group, can continue those efforts, and that will be my focus during the upcoming year. More to come at our

Opening Tea, September 5th

at the University Residence.

Joy

"Alone we can do so little.

Together we can do so much."— Helen Keller



NEXT MEETINGS - *Details on page nine and ten*

Thursday, August 16, 2018 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Hill Center
at 4025 Hillsboro Pike

Kendra Scott Night

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the University Residence

Opening Tea

The Vanderbilt Woman's Club acknowledges the late Margaret Branscomb, wife of Chancellor Harvie Branscomb, for the major plantings of the magnolia trees on campus and honors her in the naming of the newsletter.

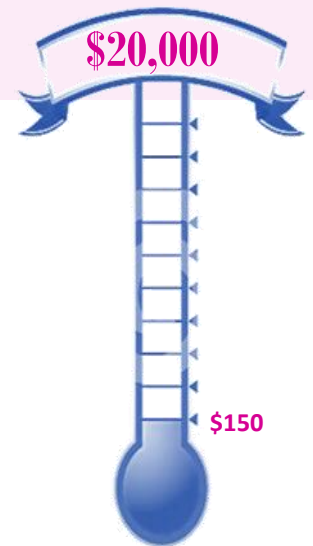
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WOMAN'S CLUB

Donations to the Scholarship Fund since the last newsletter:

Donations may be sent to 2009 Overhill Drive, Nashville, TN 37215-3414

Linda Bengson for ScholarSips

Nancy Gentry



Welcome New Members

**Ginna Foster Cannon * Felicia Gates * Nancy Gentry
Jan Goddard * Sara Habibian * Lael Kiesling
Nancy Simerly * Susan Winchester**

Upcoming meetings

Thursday, October 4, 2018 *from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Sandbergs*
Newcomers Party

Thursday, October 25, 2018 *from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Harding House*
Fall Luncheon

Friday, November 9, 2018 *at the Green Hills Library*
Fall Lecture

Thursday, December 6, 2018 *from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Old Natchez Country Club*
Holiday Luncheon and Bazaar

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 *from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the home of Peggy Curci*
Cookie Exchange

Thursday, January, 2019 *(not confirmed)*
Annual Meeting

February, 2019 *(not confirmed)*

ScholarSips

Thursday, March, 2019 *(not confirmed)*
Spring Lecture

Thursday, April 25, 2019 *from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Richland Country Club*
Spring Luncheon

Ginna Foster Cannon



Ginna has lived in Nashville for 12 years. She moved here from New York, New York. Ginna studied abroad in France in high school and college. She graduated from Harvard with a BA and received her MBA in Marketing and Management from Columbia Business School and an MLAS from Vanderbilt most recently she received her PhD in Public History from MTSU in December 2017.

For many years she ran her own PR business in Nashville which included the monthly program, *Meet the Author*.

Ginna will begin a new job this August as the Director of Cultural Heritage Tourism in Rutherford County. She likes to read, engaging in civic activities – she is the VP in charge of programming for the League of Women Voters and is a Poll worker for Davidson County. Ginna also is a board member of Tennessee Craft and a member of the Community Engagement Committee.

Gina's favorite secret indulgence is podcasts and favorite food is cheese.

Next month we shall feature

Lael Kiesling

Nancy Sayre Simerly



Nancy has lived in Nashville for almost 2 years and loves it! She moved here most recently from Southern California. Prior to that she lived in Oregon for many years- in fact Nashville reminds her of Portland. Nancy grew up in a small town in Northern California.

Her family lived in Cambridge, England for one lovely, and very short, summer. Her family loved it, including wonderful free museums, walking everywhere in town, and living in a tiny two story flat across from grass tennis courts where we played on long evenings.

Nancy attended the University of California Berkley for her B.S. in Conservation of Natural Resources. She later went on to Otis Art Institute of Parsons School of Design for fine art. She finally went to George Fox University in Oregon for a Master's in Education. Holding a range of jobs: Museum Curator, Graphic Designer, Teacher and developmental Professional. She is currently the Director of Major Gifts for Adventure Science Center.

Her hobbies include hiking, travel, reading, spending time with family, and gardening. Nancy's secret indulgence is almost anything almond flavor or raspberry, and her very favorite is flourless chocolate cake with raspberries.

Welcome new members!

We are proud of our scholars

Excerpt from *Vanderbilt Magazine*, Spring 2018.

Good Day Sunshine: Vanderbilt alumni pour their energy into solar power

By Michael Blanding

Global Access Leslie Labruto, global energy lead at Acumen
(COURTESY OF ACUMEN)



While solar efforts like Kisber's are helping to solve the problem of energy consumption in the U.S., citizens of developing countries face a starker problem—no access to energy at all. “Around the world, 1.1 billion people live without energy access. One in seven people don’t have access to lights at night,” says Leslie Labruto, BE’11,

who is taking skills she honed at the Clinton Foundation and putting them to use as global energy lead at Acumen, an organization using market solutions for social change.

Under Labruto’s leadership, the organization has strategically invested in companies installing home solar power systems in the remotest parts of Southeast Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. Each system can charge a battery with enough strength to power three lights and a cellphone charger, dramatically improving a family’s quality of life. “It’s low-cost, it’s decentralized, and it gives economically disadvantaged people an opportunity to afford energy that isn’t tied to fossil fuel consumption,” she says.

Labruto seemed destined to study engineering, growing up in a “women-centric” New Jersey home with her mom, grandmother and sisters. “We all did everything,” she says. “I was the one fixing the toilet and working on the sink.” Attending Vanderbilt with a scholarship, she was as excited to do hands-on projects as she was to travel the world. “Vanderbilt was incredibly instrumental in helping me in my desire to be a global citizen,” she says. Rather than a more traditional engineering project focused on city infrastructure, she conducted her senior project with an interdisciplinary team, helping design a solar- and bike-powered system to generate electricity for a school in Guatemala. “It really opened my eyes to the fact that the world needs solutions and I can be a part of it,” Labruto says.

After graduation she served as a young alumni trustee on [Vanderbilt’s Board of Trust](#) and earned a master’s studying clean energy at Imperial College London. She then got a job at the Clinton Foundation working with small islands to transform their energy economies. She came to Acumen in February 2017, excited by its blend of social mission with venture capital.

“We’re purpose-driven first, but we’re also trying to make our money back to invest in more companies down the road,” she says. That frees companies to have access to flexible money, compared to grants that can have onerous conditions, and allows them to leverage Acumen’s seed investment to raise more money from investors and broaden their impact. “Being an entrepreneur is tough,” she says. “We see ourselves as a partner to stand by your side while you’re trying to solve a business problem and do the right thing for the world.” The same supportive self-reliance extends to customers of the solar home systems, which cost about \$200 but are offered on a payment plan of, say, 20 or 50 cents a day. That makes it affordable even to those making just a few dollars a day, offering them an asset and a point of pride in the bargain. After establishing their credit-worthiness, customers can then work toward buying a larger asset such as a refrigerator or television, or even a solar-powered irrigation pump or milling machine. “They don’t get a hand-out. They work toward something and can determine how to use it,” she says. “Things that really enhance quality of life but once seemed unobtainable are suddenly within reach.”

Ed.: Leslie was a recipient of the Ada Bell Stapleton/Blanche Henry Weaver Scholarship - 2009 and 2010.

Cocktail Club

Our gracious hosts

August 25 *Clark*
September 22 *Born/ Hersh*
October 20 *Siesser*
November 17 *Collins*
December *Curci*
January
February *ScholarSips*
March *Holroyd*
April *Chambers/ Sherwood*
May *Bengson*
June *Benner*
Lynne Siesser
lsiesser7@gmail.com
615-298-5659



See you at the movies

Contact Betsy to be added to the daytime email list.



Monday, September 10

at Regal Green Hills

Betsy Fleetwood

615-579-0903

befleet@aol.com



Evening movies

Thursday, September 13th

Cindy Slobogin 615-292-2214

slobogin@hotmail.com

Quilting

Second and fourth Tuesdays
10am

*making wheel chair and baby quilts for the
Vanderbilt Medical Center*

**Thank you, Peggy Curci and
Joan Hornberger for getting the group
started and flourishing.**



New leader: Eleanor Gregory 615-331-8495

Pop-Up Group or "PUG"

Plans can be made ahead of time or at the last minute.



***Movies, hikes, theater,
festivals, music events, whatever –
they are all game for PUG.***

For more information and full instructions on
being added to the Group Me list for the
Pop-Up Group, contact

Kelly Chambers 409-771-5731
kellychambers420@yahoo.com

<https://groupme.com/en-US/>

German Club at Susanne's home



**Wednesday,
October 17
from 2pm-4pm
2811 Polo Club Road**

**Susanne Riess
414-241-1246**

Lunch Bunch Tuesday, August 21

at 1.30pm.

Ladies Lunch



Saltine
1918 West End Ave.

*They have a large surface lot
Please RSVP to*

Joy Allington-Baum

by August 19th

joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

214-755-5328

VWC Facebook Page

For informal updates and photos in between newsletters and emails,
don't forget to check out our Facebook page.

This is a private group page intended for VWC members only.
Feel free to post information and photos from club happenings.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/VanderbiltWomansClub/>

For more information contact

Kelly Chambers, 409-771-5731, kellychambers420@yahoo.com.

New Interest Group Contacts

Community Service

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acmanner@gmail.com

Joan Hornberger - 615-730-5534

zackapatch@gmail.com

Community Explorers

Martha Alexander - 615-415-5887

marthaalexander01@gmail.com

Quilting

Eleanor Gregory - 615-331-8495

Thank you for stepping up!

Interest Groups

Contact information and details are available in the directory.

Book Group 1 * Book Group 2

Tuesday/Thursday Bridge * Cocktails

Community Explorers * Community Service

French * German * Gourmet Group * Mah Jongg

Movies * Evening Movies * Out to Lunch

Pop-Up Group * Quilting * Theater (*chair needed*)

*Possible new group: Music - join fellow enthusiasts for music,
discussions and presentations*

Do you have another interest not listed?

Ebbie Redwine . . . 225-281-3938

eRedwine9@gmail.com

Send pictures of your groups to

lsiesser7@gmail.com

Text: 615-856-3980

or

kellychambers420@yahoo.com

Text: 409-771-5731

Community Explorers - SAVE THE DATE

for **October 9th**, Community Explorers will be visiting a historical
farm belonging to **Sue and Dan Clark**.

Sue is a member of our group.

Martha Alexander - 615-415-5887

marthaalexander01@gmail.com

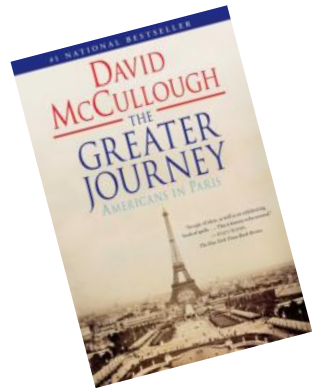
**Vanderbilt Woman's Club Book Group One
2018-2019**

Note: We meet the second Sunday of the month, from 2:30 till 4, except in May when we meet on the 1st. We do not meet in December, January, and August

September 9, 2018

Hostess: Anne Plummer, 2616 Essex Place, 615-297-1858

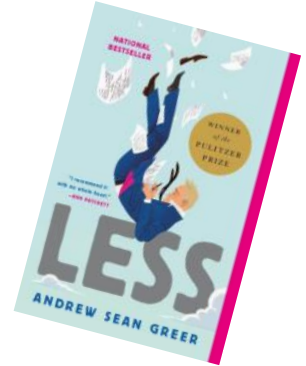
Leader/Book: Anne Plummer/*The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris*, by David McCullough



October 14, 2018

Hostess: Margaret Norris, 500 Elmington Ave., Apt 115, 615-269-6941

Leader/Book: Margaret Norris/*Less*, by Andrew Sean Greer



November 11, 2018

Hostess: Penny TeSelle, 500 Elmington Ave., Apt 227, 615-297-2629

Leader/Book: Kitty Porter/*Before We Were Yours*, by Lisa Wingate

February 10, 2019

Hostess: Ann Ercelawn, 3611 Saratoga Drive, 615-298-4766

Leader/Book: Ann Ercelawn/*Monk of Mokha*, by Dave Eggers

March 10, 2019

Hostess: Sheila Jensen, 2102 25th Ave. South, 615-385-9486

Leader/Book: Becky Atack/*Prairie Fires: the American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder*, by Caroline Fraser

April 14, 2019

Hostess: Joan Harshman, 500 Elmington Ave., Apt 426, 615-864-8885

Leader/Book: Mary Claire Bradshaw/*Two Sisters*, by Asne Seierstad and Sean Kinsella

May 5, 2019

Hostess: Mary Claire Bradshaw, 2209 Abbott Martin Rd, #12-7, 615-646-0066

Leader/Book: Penny TeSelle/*The Soul of America: The Battle for our Better Angels*, by Jon Meacham

June 9, 2019

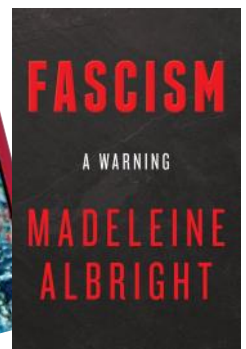
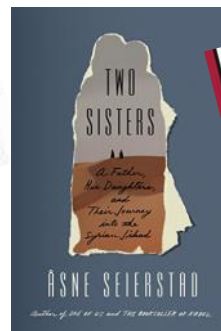
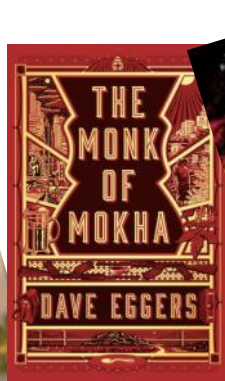
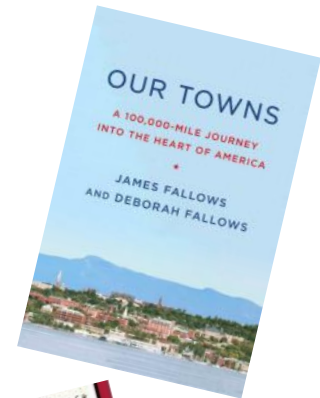
Hostess: Byrd Helguera, 2309 Sterling Road, 615-269-0789

Leader/Book: Joan Harshman/*Fascism: A Warning*, by Madeleine Albright

July 14, 2019

Hostess: Hope Estopinal, 101 The Commons Drive, 615-385-2199

Leader/Book: Eileen Crawford/*Our Towns*, by James and Deborah Fallows



September

2018




Notes

Remember

August 9: Board meeting 9am

August 16: Kendra Scott Night 5pm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		August 21	August 22			August 25
		Lunch Bunch 1:30pm	Deadline to RSVP for the Opening Tea			Cocktails 6pm
2	3 Book Group Two 1pm	4	5 Opening Tea 1pm	6 Board 9am Bridge 1pm	7	8
9 Book Group One 2:30pm	10 Daytime Movies	11 Quilting 10am Bridge 1pm	12 Mah Jongg 1pm	13 French 12:30pm Bridge 1pm Evening Movies	14	15
16	17	18	19 Mah Jongg 1pm	20 Bridge 1pm	21	22 Cocktails 6pm
23	24	25 Quilting 10am	26 Mah Jongg 1pm	27 Bridge 1pm	28	29
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SAVE

KENDRA GIVES BACK EVENT!

KENDRA SCOTT + VANDERBILT WOMAN'S CLUB

SIPS, SWEETS + JEWELS

THE

AUGUST 16TH | 5:00 - 7:00 PM

KENDRA SCOTT | HILL CENTER

4025 HILLSBORO PIKE | NASHVILLE, TN

DATE

20% OF THE PROCEEDS BENEFIT VWC



KENDRA SCOTT





SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 OPENING TEA

Vanderbilt Woman's Club Opening Tea

Please join us at the beautiful University Residence as we kick off another year of fun and friendship with the Vanderbilt Woman's Club. This is a great opportunity to see old friends, meet new ones, honor our Life Members, explore Interest Groups, and enjoy tasty food at this lovely event hosted by Vanderbilt First Lady, Lydia Howarth. We will be joined by special guest, Valerie Hotchkiss, Vanderbilt University Librarian.

Feel free to bring your membership form and dues to the Tea. For more information contact Kelly Chambers, 409-771-5731 or kellychambers420@yahoo.com

Wednesday

Sept. 5, 2018

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

University Residence

211 Deer Park Drive

Nashville

Invite a potential
new member!

Complimentary
Valet Parking

R.S.V.P BY AUGUST 22

TO: KELLY CHAMBERS

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